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ENERGY REF SEE FISC NOTE SD RV See Note Establishes public safety and accountability procedures for carbon dioxide sequestration

<u>Current law</u> requires operators of Class VI carbon dioxide sequestration wells to report certain incidents within 24 hours, including risks to underground sources of drinking water, permit violations, and injection system malfunctions. Civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day may be imposed for violations.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds reporting requirements for carbon dioxide releases and equipment malfunctions, and requires that reports include the incident location, cause (if known), potential risks, mitigation steps, and a corrective timeline. Operators must notify emergency responders, local officials, and the department must publish reports online. Civil penalties are increased to \$200,000 per day.

Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) reports no additional costs associated with the bill, as it does not impact current code or operations, and any increased review time or staff costs for the Emergency and Remedial Response Plan are expected to be minimal.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

DENR reports that penalty fines (up to \$200,000 per day per violation) related to carbon dioxide incidents could increase revenues to the Carbon Dioxide Geologic Storage Trust Fund, however incidents cannot be foreseen and therefore revenues cannot be quantified in relation to such events.

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600,000 Annual Tax or Fee nange {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Deborah Vivien Chief Economist